

Board meeting of SPS-EPS/EAS
Florence, Italy
September 18, 1999
MINUTES
(02-11-00)

Attendance: M. Carlsson (new SPS board member), C. Alissandrakis, G. Belvedere, B. Fleck (new SPS board member), M. Goossens, P. Heinzel, M. Karlicky (new SPS board member), J. Kuijpers, E. Landi, E. Marsch, P. Pallé, G. Poletto (new SPS board member), G. Simnett, J. Sylwester (new SPS board member), N. Vilmer

Invited for point 8: K.L. Klein (president CESRA), B. Schmieder (president JOSO)

Absent: A. Hofmann (new SPS board member)

SPS Board Meeting Agenda

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2. President's Report (G. Simnett)
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1. Results of election, Welcome to new board members (G. Simnett)

G. Simnett recalls the results of the elections performed during the general assembly on September 16th 1999. 6 SPS Board members were actually leaving the board: G. Simnett (president), P. Heinzel (secretary+treasurer), C. Alissandrakis, G. Belvedere, E. Landi, P. Martens (who had already resigned from the board). The other 6 board members: M. Goossens, I. Kim, J. Kuijpers, E. Marsch, P. Palle, N. Vilmer have been re-elected for a new term ending in 2002 during the general assembly.

We had 8 nominations for new board members at the general assembly:

M. Carlsson (Oslo, Norway), B. Fleck (ESA, ESTEC), A. Hoffmann (Potsdam, Germany), M. Karlicky (Ondrejov, Czech Rep), V. Oraevsky (Troitsk, Russia), G. Poletto (Firenze, Italy), J. Sylwester (Wroclaw, Poland), C. Tsinganos (Crete, Greece).

Among these nominated people, the general assembly elected 6 new SPS Board members:

B. Fleck, G. Poletto, A. Hoffmann, M. Carlsson, J. Sylwester, M. Karlicky

2. President's Report (G. Simnett)

The main activity has been to establish the link between the SPS-EPS section and the European Astronomical Society. The SPS is now a section of both EPS and EAS and has become a section of the Joint Astrophysics Division of EAS-EPS. The SPS President is a member of the Board of the Joint Division, which usually meets once a year. It is also the custom for the SPS President to be on the EPS "Action Committee on Conferences", which currently is chaired by R. Pick, from Paris. This committee also meets once a year.

3. SPM99 Summary (E. Landi)

E. Landi reports on the budget of the SPM 99 meeting. At the date of the board meeting, the amount of the European Community Grant (24.8% of the income) had still to be clarified with Loukas Vlahos. E.

Landi recalls that the support to young EC scientists and invited speakers (25.6% of the outcome) was done in agreement with the rules of the European Community. E. Landi informs the board that as the income is slightly greater than the outcome, some of the registration fees will be refunded.

G. Simnett thanks E. Landi and G. Poletto for the organisation of such a successful meeting. G. Simnett reports that a large number of participants have complained that the registration fee had been raised to 150 \$ (representing 50.6% of the income) to support a large number of non EC scientists (36.4% of the outcome). J. Kuijpers suggests that in the future, the board should meet at the future SPM meeting place the year before the meeting to discuss with the local organisers all these topics.

4. Treasurer's Report (P. Heinzl)

No change in the SPS budget. A small budget has existed for many years (~ 700 swiss francs) and was never used. The SPS section does not get any money from the SPM meetings and as a consequence there is no possibility of financial support for the board members. SPS is not supported financially by EPS/EAS (item could be discussed with M. Huber, chair of JAD).

5. New SPS Board Members

G. Simnett thanks the board members who have accomplished their terms and welcomes the new SPS board members who immediately start their 3-year terms that will end at the next SPM meeting in 2002.

6. Elections by new board of president & secretary+treasurer

G. Simnett has ended his term as a president and P. Heinzl as the secretary and treasurer (see item 10). Two SPS board members are candidate for the position of president (J. Kuijpers) and secretary+treasurer (N. Vilmer). Both are elected by the new SPS board and the new president J. Kuijpers is now chairing the meeting. He thanks G. Simnett and P. Heinzl for their active part at the head of the SPS board.

7. Next SPM 2002 (call for proposals)

The board first discusses about the time interval between two successive SPM meetings: 2 or 3 years (present situation is 3 years). J. Kuijpers remarks that if all the European solar physics meetings are considered (i.e. not only the SPM meetings but also CESRA and JOSO meetings), the delay between two successive meetings is rather 2 years. M. Karlicky gives the point of view of CESRA: 3 years between 2 successive SPM meetings is OK since it allows CESRA to organize a smaller, more specific workshop in between.

The board finally agrees to keep 3 years between two successive SPM meetings (the next one will be in 2002) but decides that we should be more active in organising dedicated solar physics sessions in JENAM or EGS meetings.

There will be a call for proposals for the next meeting in 2002. The next board meeting will decide on the location next year. We have already some proposals: from I. Kim in Moscow, a formal proposal from Oraevsky in Moscow, and a proposal from M. Karlicky in Prague (N.B. this last option had been proposed by P. Heinzl at previous board meetings.)

(After the board meeting, we had discussions through e-mail within the board. To get EC funding through Euroconferences for young participants, the decision was taken to organize the next meeting in Prague. A proposal has been sent to Brussels, end of January 2000, for funding of a Large Euroconference in Prague, September 2002, after exchanges through e-mail. This proposal is now funded.)

8. External visibility and Internal co-operation (J. Kuijpers)

The presidents of JOSO (B. Schmieder) and of CESRA (K.L. Klein) are invited to attend to the board meeting to discuss internal co-operation.

The SPS board should stimulate and encourage all initiatives to promote and organise solar physics meetings in Europe. However, the SPS should keep its own visibility with respect to other organisations.

- **Internal Co-operation with CESRA and JOSO**

To improve this internal co-operation (which already started at this SPS meeting) it is decided that we should invite the presidents of CESRA and JOSO at each board meeting and that we should co-opt them as board members.

J. Sylwester points out that it is important to present some unity among solar physicists in Europe. G. Simnett adds that such a unity allows obtaining easier funding. The decision of co-opting the JOSO and CESRA presidents should act in this direction.

It is also decided that a list of European solar physics meetings (organised by SPS or JOSO or CESRA) should be made available (e.g. on the web site).

- **External visibility (with respect of EAS, EGS)**

The board supports the idea that to improve the SPS external visibility in particular towards EAS a solar physics session should be organised every year during the JENAM meeting. The next JENAM meeting will be held end of May- beginning of June 2000 in Russia and will be organised by Obridko. B. Fleck is proposed by the board to represent SPS for the organisation of the solar physics session. (*In fact, after our meeting, V.N. Obridko contacted Jan Stenflo to help organize the solar session on "Solar cycle: Sun at the top of maximum".*) Jan Kuijpers will write to the president of EAS that SPS board offers to organize a session on solar physics at every future JENAM.

9. SPS Newsletter/Website

B. Fleck offers to take responsibility for the SPS Web site. G. Simnett thanks J. Staude for his important contribution to the SPS Newsletters and J. Kuijpers suggests that A. Hoffmann (who belongs to the same institute as J. Staude) continues to maintain SPS Newsletters.

10. Election Policy

After extensive discussion, the Board has agreed upon a new election policy: namely to elect about one half of the SPS Board during the general assembly (and re-elect the second half). The Board will then work for 3 years between two SPM meetings.

In order to organise the elections in agreement with the EPS or EAS rules, we should get a list of the EPS or EAS members belonging to the solar physics community (action to be lead by secretary and president).

11. Next Board Meeting

Utrecht: Monday 15th May 2000 (see the mail from J. Kuijpers) (*this date had been later changed to November 6th 2000*).

J. Kuijpers
(SPS president)

N. Vilmer
(SPS secretary)